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**Chairman Sharon Bulova**  
**Board Matter**  
**Allowing Extra Time for Loudoun County Board**  
**March 20, 2012**

**Background:**

The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is a 23-mile extension of Metrorail from East Falls Church beyond Dulles International Airport to Loudoun County, with eight stops in Fairfax County and three in Loudoun County, including the stop at Dulles Airport. The funding partners, Fairfax County, Loudoun County and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, agreed to a funding arrangement that includes a 90-day deadline to opt out of the project once preliminary engineering estimates were complete.

On March 7, 2012, MWAA released preliminary engineering estimates that are \$1 billion lower than previous estimates and are consistent with what we have been working with during the past year. The 90-day opt out deadline is June 4, 2012.

On March 7, 2012, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved a letter asking Fairfax County and MWAA to extend the deadline an additional 30 days. In the letter, Loudoun Board Chairman Scott York wrote that because the Loudoun Board has experienced significant turnover as a result of the 2011 election, they have requested and would benefit from more time.

I understand that such an extension would not delay the Phase II project and that MWAA will continue to develop its Request for Proposals.

**Motion:**

Therefore, I ask that County staff determine what is necessary to allow the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors an additional 30 days to decide whether to opt out of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project and report back to the Board at our next meeting on April 10.